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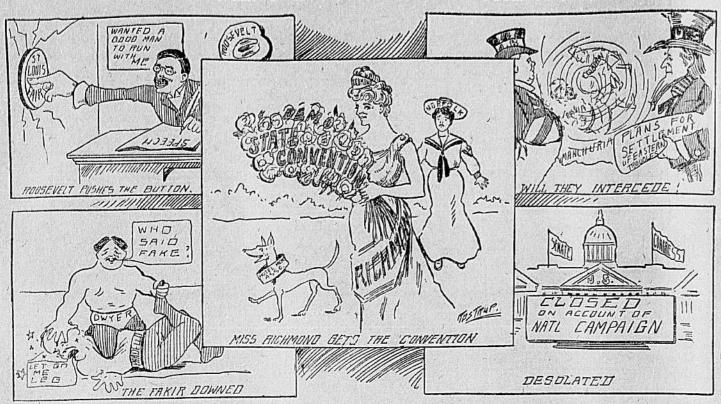
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### Virginia.

Gillette, of Petersburg, presents to a little nine-year-old girl who saver—The George E. Fisher with extravagance and attempting to depress stock in order to buy it out—Governor Cameron will enter the race for Congress in the Fourth District—Young man run down by loose cars in Pocahonias and fatally hurt—The Episcopal High School carries off the honors at the interscholastic track meet of preparatory schools at the University of Virginia; thirty-two entries—Boy in Rounoke drugged to death by a horse whose halter he tied around his own walst—A carpenter at work on a bridge at Whittles, Va., falls and breaks his neck—The Travelers Protective Association Convention in falls and breaks his neck—The Travelers' Protective Association Convention in Lynchburg elects officers and selects Peterburg as the next place of meeting; Congressman Glass makes a very witty speech—A pot of money found under a tree at Amelia Courthouse on which a man was hung—Geo, Ball sentenced for seven years at Chatham for killing Brantley Carter, and his brother given a nominal punishment— Harry Taylor at Blucfield, who killed an unknown man and hid his body, sentenced for life,

North Carolina.

Carolina and North Western Railroad acquires the Caldwell and Northern—Great musical festival at Greensboro a splendid syncess—The government's attorney rest the whiskey fraud cases at torney rest the whiskey fraud cases at Greensboro—Mrs. F. A. Olds, of Raleigh, thrown from a buggy and painfully hurt—Company H. Third Regiment, disbanded on recommendation of inspector-general—A, and M. College defeats Trilly in the track meet at Raleigh—Captain Robertson, of the steamer Hurt on the Cape Fear, kills a negro—Jury at Raleigh finds it reasonable and practical for Corporation Commission to require Atlantic Coast Line to maintain schedule between Selma and Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

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General.

Japanese army of sixteen thousand puts forty thousand Russians to flight in first land engagement of the war; battle look place on north bank of Yalu and Mikados at army broke through enemy's lines and they made retreat in confusion—Opening of Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis attended by scenes of great brilliancy President Roosevelt presses golden key which starts machinery going; Vrginia stands at head of exhibitors and makes magnificent showing, which is a credit to Colo Dominion—John Sharp Williams says Jouge Parker will be some hated and very land the screet of aerial navigation—Treasure on their way to attend opening of the exposition—Professor Bell experiments near Vashington, and now thinks he has the screet of aerial navigation—Treasure of younty in Alabama held up in his office and robbed—Crew of battleship Mane wins rowing cup at Pensacola—Viginia-Carolina Chemical Coupany socure proxies for stockholders incident to increase of stock—Stocks continue languld—Results of yesterday's races and base-ball games.

# **BRILLIANT OPENING** OF THE EXPOSITION

Quarter of a Million People Present at Inaugural Exercises at St. Louis.

### PRESIDENT PRESSES BUTTON

Virginia Occupies a Proud Place at the Head of All the Exhibitors-Notable Exercises.

ST, LOUIS, MO., April 20.—Beneath the brilliant blaze of the last of the April days the magic city of the West, dim with a mist from the sea, threw wide her gates this morning and admitted the knocking nations of the earth, gathered with the palm branch and the olive to celebrate this triumph of art and of industry. The grenest exposition the world ing, months of worry, months of work, saw their fruition in the wonder and the splender of the first day. St. Louis is magnificently unprepared. The skeletons of great buildings stand naked and untenanted in the sunlight, while about them ring the clark and clamor of the folling sons of work.

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An entire third of the monster ferris wheel has not yet been raised to the sky, but an instance that might be multiplied in a hundred directions, and yet may it be said that the fair which will not be complete before the first of June is in a numero and the first of June is complete before the first of June is more spiendid at its inception than any yet recorded in history. Once past the outer line of formless but forming structures a scene truly magnificent bursts upon the eye. Sloping lawns and rising hills bear upon their swelling bosoms the gleaming white palaces wherein the uttermost triumphs of the skill of mankind are displayed. In a glance one may include a signt that to read elsewhere it would be needful to compass the globe. All nations are here—men and globe. All nations are here—men and of many kinds and many tongues, Of this world is America to-day the host and in a style most truly regal did she serve her guests.

The Exposition Is Opened. Scenes of great brilliancy attended the opening. A quarter of a million of people gathered around this Louisiana monument, in the vicinity of which the exercises were held. The day was ideally fair. A flood tide of elequence poured over the grounds, and frequently in it was

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Roosevelt Touches Dais That Closes Circuit and Starts Machinery Going at St. Louis.

DONE IN THE EAST ROOM

Large and Notable Assemblage Present at White House-Salute of Twenty-one Guns.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30 .- Presi dent Roosevelt to-day pressed the gold key, which completed the electrical circuit and released the gigantic power of St. Louis, putting in motion the forty thousand horse power machinery, and the fairy-like cascades on the Exposition grounds.

room of the White House, precisely at 1:41 1:2 o'clock, Eastern standard time. As the President pressed the key, the Third Battery of United States Artillery, stationed south of the White House, fired a salute of twenty-one guns. Con-gratulatory messages then were ex-changed between the President and David R. Francis, bresident of the Louisiana Pur-

preme Court and members of the diplo-matic corps. Three telegraphic circuits between the east room and the administration building of the Exposition were provided by the Postal Telegraph Com-

pany, The table which supported the tele-The table which supported the tele-graph instruments, was located in the east room. On it rested a small dais, covered with blue and gold plush, to the top of which was attached the gold key, with which the President closed the cir-cuit. The same dais and the same key (Continued on Third Page.)

### REQUIRES THREE CENTS.

The attention of subscribers and others is called to the fact that it is necessary to place a THREE-CENT STAMP on all copies of the Sunday Times-Dispatch, designed for mailing. The size of the paper necessitates this. Every week large numbers of Sunday papers are held at the postoffice because of an insufficient amount of postage.

Opening of St. Louis Exposition Lose Their Lives.

(By Associated Press.) KIMSWICK, MO., April 20 .- A misun derstanding of orders by the engineer of train No. 15, on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad, resulted in a serious wreck to-day at Wicke's Siding, about a mile and a half north of here, in which eight were killed and severation in the serious was a serious when the serious descriptions of the serious features. enteen injured.

Eight Passengers En Route to

here, in which eight were killed and syventeen injured.

Following is a list of the dead; James Balley, engineer; Albert Gumpert, fireman; A. E. Taber, master mechanic; Express Messenger Groat, Edward Bisibard, DeSota, Mo.; three unidentified passengers. None of the injured will die.

The engine struck an open switch, and with the exception of the last sleeper all the coaches were derailed. The wreck occurred while the train was going at an excessive rate of speed. Last night there was trouble with a freight car on one of the fast trains, and it was necessary to abandon it on the main line near Wicke's Siding, Orders were issued for all northbound and southbound trains to use the of the freight car and the arrival of No.

18.

It is stated by Conductor Austin that he rend the order to the engineer and handed a copy to him. The officials of the road cannot account for the fact that the train approached the siling at the high rate of speed it must have done to cause the damage it did. The engine turned completely over, pinioring Engineer Bailey beneath toos of stock Master Mechanic Tabor, who was riding in the engine, was also instantly killed.

# SINKS AT HER WHARF

Thousands Look On as She Goes Down.

### ENGINEER AND WIFE NARROWLY ESCAPE

The Latter Had Not Time to Put on Her Shoes-Officers Last of All.

### WAS SWIFTEST STEAMER EVER PLIED THE JAMES

She Cost \$150,000 Exclusive of Furnishings and Was a Veritable Princess of the Noble River-Another Steam-

er Takes Her

The Pocahontas, "Palace Steamer" of the Virginia Navigation Co., was burned at her Richmond wharf last night and now lies at the bottom of James River, with the water a-sweep her hurricane

The destruction of this beautiful steamer is well-nigh total, to all outward appearances. Her hull below the water line is of steel, and, of course, uninjured. The entire saloon and deck works are charred and twisted ruins, in pathetic and striking contrast to the life and light and beauty in which the steamer has so many times been seen on moonlight excursions and other festive occa-

The fire was discovered a few minutes after 9 o'clock, and notwithstanding the heroic and tireless work of the Richmond Fire Department, the City Tug, Thomas Cunningham, Sr., and the tug E. V. McCaulley, two hours later the Pocahontas, which had so proudly and swiftly plied the historic water of Virginia's chief river, was burned to the water's edge and sunk.

### Narrow Escapes.

Two human lives narrowly escaped being lost and at one time it was thought that a man was on the steamer when she sank, and while the firemen took the precaution to search her as thoroughly as they were able in the face of so many hindrances, it is not believed that any life was sacrificed.

The men whose call was so close were Charles Spicer (colored), who, blinded and crazed by smoke, fell overboard and Ally Treegle, also colored, a companion of Spicer, who had the courage to jump into the water in an effort to save his friend. Both, far more dead than alive, were dragged ashore by Police-Sergeant Bailey, Policeman Talley and two fishermen-Charles Swann and H. S. Thompson.

The Pocahontas, named for a woman, who in beauty of mind and charm of person, was every whit a princess, rests erect and in easy position beside her dock. The

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# THE POCAHONTAS BURNING.

# RUSSIANS PUT TO FLIGHT BY JAPS ON THE YALU.

Mikado's Army Wins Decisive Victory in the First Land Engagement of Any Considerable Magnitude and Russian Forces Retreat in Confusion.

(Special Cable to The Times -Dispatch, Copyright, 1901.) LONDON, April 30.—Japan has won the first great land battle of the war in the Far East. Attacking a strongly-fortified outpost on the north bank of the Yalu Tuesday morning, at Chintiencheng, sixteen thousand Japanese troops drew from cover a force of thirty thousand Russians and a gigantic conflict followed. Owing to their superior force, the advantage at first was with the Russians. At the critical stage, however, Japanese reinforcements suddenly ap-

The movement is thought to have been clever strategy on the part of the Japanese commander to conceal his real strength and lead the Russians to believe that they had to deal only with an advance guard. Instead, it was the main body of the Japanese army, which had crossed the Yalu two days previous.

FIVE HOURS OF HARD FIGHTING.

Chintiencheng, the place where the engagement was waged, is a town on the Manchurian side of the river. For over five hours the ground was most bitterly contested. Fresh troops, constantly arriving to reinforce the Japanese, were successfully thrown into the front of the fray and finally in the face of a gallant charge by the soldiers of the Mikado, the Russian line broke and the Czar's troops retreated in confusion. The Japanese captured and fortified Chentiencheng. Dispatches are arriving here from Chefoo and Shanghai, giving fresh details of the battle.

Driving the Russians before them in the first battle of the war, the Japanese turned the battle into the rout. A Chefoo dispatch says that the Japanese are pursuing their advantage and that a fly-ing column has started in pursuit of the retreating Russians. Many wounded have been left by the Russians in their flight.

A flotilla of gunboats at the mouth of the Yalu rendered great assistance to the Japanese in the final stages of the battle. Consternation and panic seem to have seized upon the Russians in face of the irresistible onrush of the Japanese. The dispatches relate that the Tartars fought like demons at the beginning of the battle, the Cossacks particularly distinguishing themselves. The tide of battle was rising surely if slowly in favor of the Russians, who had the advantage of superior numbers. Doggedly, the Japanese held REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN HURRY.

Suddenly detachments of Japanese reinforcements were hurried Battalion after battalion was hurled into the places of the soldiers, who had been battling for hours. The tide turned. From points of vantage Japanese sharpshooters, showing marvelous accuracy of aim, began picking off the Russian officers with frightful rapidity. Batteries of Japanese artillery wheeled into action and decimated the enemy with a murderous fire of shrapnel upon the flank of the Russian soldiers.

Many thrilling stories of gallantry are told of both armies. A group of Shinto priests, accompanying the army, knelt in one of the most exposed positions on the battlefield, during the engagement and prayed for the success of the Mikado's arms.

The attacking Japanese army is believed to be composed of fully 100,000 men. Not one-half of this force was engaged in the battle

of Tuesday, however. Two great Japanese armies are concentrating on the north side of the Yalu and it was the army of the west, under command of General Tashima, that struck the first blow at Kuropatkin's forces on Tuesday.

For weeks the Mikado's troops have been pouring across the Yalu at a dozen different points, and, since their recent attempt to force a passage near Ohand-Che-Kew, twenty miles above Wiju, was successful, it is believed that the long-looked-for movement to-ward Mukden and the general engagement of the two great armies may be looked for shortly, the movement may have been begun already. There is a road leading northeast from Siaopoussikhe to Kwan Tien, which commands one of the roads to Mukden. Having landed near the first-named place, the opinion of a Russian military expert is at hand to the effect that this advantage will enable the Japanese not only to march upon Mukden, but to outflank the Russian position at Feng Huan Cheng and cut off any of General Rennenkampff's Cossacks who may have gone to join the reported attack on Gensan.

### THE POWHATAN PUT SECRET OF AERIAL IN RECEIVERS' HANDS NAVIGATION FOUND

Friendly Proceedings Instituted by Trustees of the Ford Estate.

Friendly proceedings were instituted in

Professor Bell Experiments With His Tethrahedral Kite Near Washington.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Professor Graham Bell to-day gave at Columbia station, a Virginia suburb of Washington, an exhibition of the Tetitoria

Washington, an exhibition of the Tethrahedral kite, which he believes to be
the secret of ariel navigation. The demenstration was made to members of the
National Geographic Society, of which
Professor Bell was formerly the president.

The wind was light and therefore the
trials were not as successful as some
which have been made in private. Three
sixteen cell kites, each said to have a
sustaining power of seventy-five pounds,
were sent to heights varying from four
to 1,100 feet, but the wind was so uncertain that the tests were not regarded
as satisfactory.

as satisfactory.
It is asserted that a kite can be made It is asserted that a kite can be likely large chough to sustain a man and a motor. Professor Bell said the motor would eventually take the place of the kite string, and that when this had been accomplished aeriel navigation is established.

WILL PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SERIOUS INJURY (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, April 30.—In order to protect children from injury and property

from damage, the Chicago Amusement Association is planning to furnish free fire crackers and torpedoes in unlimited quantities to every child in Chicago on Independence Day. The ammunition for patriotic celebration, however, must be exploded in the parks and public play grounds under the supervision of a fireman, a physician and a member of the newly created association. The organization is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

City of Atlanta Launched.

CHESTER, PA. April 30.—The steamship City of Atlanta, built for the Ocean Steamship Company, was launched at Roache's ship-yard here to-day. It was christened by Miss English of Atlanta, Ga. Among those who witnessed the launching were Governor and Mrs. Terrell, of Georgia.

WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 180 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 12, are as follows:

20 Salesmen, 11 Office Help, 8 Trade, 19 Agents, 9 Domestics, 100 Laborers, 7 Mis'laneous. 6 Solicitors.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

# HE SAYS PARKER WILL BE NOMINATED

John Sharp Williams Denies Reports That He Would be Presidential Candidate.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30 .- Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic leader of the House, in an authorized statement today, says he believes that the nomination of Judge Parker at the St. Louis convention is assured. to me now," said Mr. Williams, "that Judge Parker will be nominated by such an overwhelming vote that there will be substantially no opposition when the

time for the convention arrives. Indi-Mr. Williams, when questioned condidate for the presidential nomination said: "I think you know me well enough to know that I have never been idio enough to take this talk seriously. There has been some talk of the nomination of a Southern man. I do not think such a course would be wise just now. That time will come, and it will not be very far distant, as hist or counts time.
When it does come the South will be able to find ten thousand men abler and one hundred thousand better men than I am."

# RUSSIANS HAVE A SMALL ENGAGEMENT.

LIAO YANG, April 30.—The Twenty-ninth Russian Infantry, with two guns, had a brilliant engagement near Turengchang, with two battalions of Japanese guards mountain guns and a small cavalry force. The Russians dislodged the Japanese from fortified

positions at Lesaven and Housan. The Japanese lost ten killed and twenty-six wounded, the Russians, two killed and thirteen wounded.

The Russian artillery cannonaded a brigade of another Japanese division. Fifteen hundred infantry, with twelve guns, crossed the Yalu during the firing .- Continued on Third Page, Fourth Column.